

**OPINION
42-71**

September 4, 1942 (OPINION)

MAIL

RE: Confidential, Workmens' Compensation Bureau

Your letter of September third addressed to the Attorney General relative to the above-entitled matter has been received and contents noted.

You state that there is a great deal of correspondence in the Workmens' Compensation Bureau relative to medical reports and the physical condition of claimants, as well as the financial standing of employers, claimants, and third parties, which correspondence is confidential in nature and you inquire whether or not such correspondence would come within the exemption provided by section 3 of chapter 214 Session Laws of 1941, the same being the Central Mailing System Act.

It would seem clear that all routine correspondence not of a confidential nature would, in my opinion, come within the exemption of said section 3 and I would suggest that your bureau pass a resolution to the effect that correspondence which, in the discretion of the board is of a confidential or privileged nature, comes within the exemption of said section 3. It is my opinion too, that the board has the power to determine what correspondence constitutes confidential or privileged information.

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